PROPOSALS

For Compiling and Publiſhing a Book to be Intituled,

Pietas Anglicana:

Or, *An Hiſtorical Account of all the Works of* Piety, Charity, *and other* Acts of Beneficence, *done in* England *ſince the* Reformation, *with reſpect to Religion, Learning, and Proviſion for all ſorts of Poor; Collected from* Hiſtories, Records, Wills, Monuments, *and other* Authentic *Evidence.*

Whereas the Enemies of our Reformation have invidiouſly ſuggeſted the want of *Charity* in *Proteſtants*, and have frequently made great Oſtentation of the Pious and Charitable Deeds perform'd by Members of the *Roman* Church, as if *Good Works* were a diſtinguiſhing Note of their Communion; and, Whereas the *Publick* Works of Piety and Charity done in *England* ſince that bleſſed Period, tho' great and numerous, lie ſcatter'd and diſpers'd in *Private* Memorials, and have not yet been collected together into one View, for the Knowledge and Satisfaction of the World; and, Whereas the repreſenting them in due Method and Order will very much conduce to the Glory of Almighty God, the Propagation of Chriſtianity, the Honour of this Church and Nation, the Vindication of the Proteſtant Religion, the doing Juſtice to the Memories of paſt Benefactors, and raiſing up more ſhining Examples in future Generations: To anſwer theſe and ſome other laudable Deſigns, This Work is undertaken, (on a juſt proſpect of Encuragement and Aſſiſtance from Perſons of Character in Church and State) and ſome progreſs already made in it by the Reverend Mr. *Philip Stubs*, Rector of St. *Alphage*, *London*; who hereby humbly deſires all others, of what Quality ſoever, who are Able and Willing to promote ſo *uſeful* a Deſign, to communicate to him all *proper* Informations that may fall under the Heads hereafter ſpecify'd,

I. *Piety.*

I. *Churches* and *Chappels*, and therein,
- 1 The *Fabrick*, under which is to be conſider'd,
  - 1 Building,
  - 2 Maintenance of Repairs,
  - 3 Ornaments.
- 2 The *Divine Service* perform'd there, as
  - 1 Prayers,
  - 2 Monthly Sacraments,
  - 3 Stated Lectures,
  - 4 Catechetic Courſes,
  - 5 Occaſional Sermons.
- 3 Their *Endowments*, ſuch are
  - 1 Donations of Glebe,
  - 2 Erection and improvement of Manſe,
  - 3 Reſtoration of Tythe,
  - 4 Stipends of Augmentation.

II. *Clergy*, as
- 1 Their Perſons,
- 2 Their Families.

III. *Propagation of the Goſpel in Foreign Parts*, with what has been done, in
- 1 *Plantations*, by
  - 1 Sending Miſſionaries,
  - 2 Building Churches and Endowing them,
  - 3 Erecting Schools and Libraries.
- 2 *Factories.*

IV. Other *Ways* and *Means* taken for the propagation of Chriſtian Knowledge and Practice at Home, *&c.*

II. *Learning.*

With a particular regard to

I. *Charity Schools* for Children.
II. *Grammar Schools* for Youth.
III. *Univerſities* for Men; in theſe
- 1 Publick Libraries,
- 2 Profeſſorſhips,
- 3 Lectures,
- 4 Schools and Theatre,
- 5 Colleges and Halls, in them
  - 1 Their Foundational Endowments,
  - 2 Additional Benefactions;

IV. *Colleges*; V. *Libraries*; VI. *Publick Lectures*; VII. *Honorary Stipends*; } In other parts of *England.*

III. *Charity.*

I. *Hoſpitals*
- 1 For Children,
- 2 Impotent Aged perſons,
- 3 Widows,
- 4 Lunaticks,
- 5 Sick and Wounded,
- 6 Seamen,
- 7 Soldiers.

II. *Work-Houſes*
- 1 For poor Children at large,
- 2 Parochial Children,
- 3 Vagrants and Lewd people.

III. *Gifts* and *Legacies*, *&c.* to Cities, Corporations, Towns and Pariſhes, for
- 1 Cloathing poor people,
- 2 Apprenticing Children,
- 3 Diſpoſing young Maidens in Marriage,
- 4 Setting up young Tradeſmen,
- 5 Support of decay'd Houſe-Keepers, Widows, or Orphans,
- 6 Relief or Redemption of Priſoners and Captives,
- 7 Aid of poor Pariſhioners from payments of Subſidies, ſetting out Soldiers, and other Taxes,
- 8 Entertainment of Pilgrims and Strangers,
- 9 Repair of Bridges, *&c.* and ſetting up Mercuries in Highways, *&c.*

To which will be added, under each general Head, ſome *Propoſals* relating to Charities, and Acts of Beneficence yet *wanting* among us, ſuch are, Retirements for ſuperannuate or crazed *Clergymen*; Lending *Libraries* in Market-Towns; Encouragements for *New Converts* from Error or Debauchery; proviſion for *Incurables*, penitent *Strumpets*, baſhful Poor, *&c.* by Combinations or *Societies*, Banks of *Loan*, *Diſpenſaries*, with other *Ways* and *Means*.

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